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Subject: FW: Chemours' response

Hi Roger,

Karl Baker of the News Journal has some follow up questions regarding Chemours and GenX sampling.

Let me know your thoughts. Thanks,

David

From: Baker, Karl [mailto:kbaker@delawareonline.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 5:41 PM
To: Sternberg, David <Sternberg.David@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Chemours' response

Thanks David. Here again are a couple more questions:

I still don't understand why in West Virginia neither the EPA nor the state is conducting the water tests for GenX? Is it policy to entrust pollution tests to a suspected polluter?

If detected during the February tests, what level of GenX will prompt further tests?

Is there evidence that shows GenX to be toxic to humans, or to mammals?

Have owners of the public and private water supplies, that are set to be tested, granted Chemours permission to test for GenX?

In lobbying disclosure reports, I see that Chemours has begun to lobby the EPA directly during the past six months. Prior to that, the company's lobbying focused almost entirely on Congress. Have those lobbying efforts altered any EPA decisions in any way? Have they had no effect?

Here are links to two recent disclosure reports,

<https://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=453B3997-73DD-4408-B13C-FADBC87653F5&filingTypeID=69>

<https://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=E81D68B0-2B93-4185-8395-5AF965C30C02&filingTypeID=60>

Best,

Karl

From: Sternberg, David [<mailto:Sternberg.David@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 5:22 PM
To: Baker, Karl <kbaker@delawareonline.com>
Subject: RE: Chemours' response

Karl,

Has the EPA responded to Chemours letter? Could you provide the response letter?
Is the company's approach acceptable, as it is laid out in the letter?
EPA has verbally indicated to Chemours that the approach outlined in the Company's letter is consistent with our request.

Does EPA believe additional tests beyond February are necessary?
What additional sampling may be necessary will be determined in large part by the results of the February round.

Why doesn't EPA conduct GenX tests around Washington Works as they have in North Carolina?
While EPA did provide technical and lab support, the State of North Carolina was the lead for the sampling that was done in that state.

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From: Baker, Karl [<mailto:kbaker@delawareonline.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Sternberg, David <Sternberg.David@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Chemours' response

Thanks much, David. Here are a couple of follow-ups:

Has the EPA responded to Chemours letter? Could you provide the response letter?
Is the company's approach acceptable, as it is laid out in the letter?
Does EPA believe additional tests beyond February are necessary?
Why doesn't EPA conduct GenX tests around Washington Works as they have in North Carolina?

Thanks,

-Karl
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From: Sternberg, David [<mailto:Sternberg.David@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:35 PM

To: Baker, Karl <kbaker@delawareonline.com>

Subject: FW: Chemours' response

Mr. Baker,

As requested, attached is the Chemours Company's response to EPA's request to sample for the perfluorinated compound GenX in public and private water supplies in the vicinity of its Washington Works, West Virginia facility.

Protecting public health is EPA's highest priority. To ensure the safety of drinking water, EPA has requested that the Chemours Company sample for the perfluorinated compound GenX in public and private water supplies in the vicinity of its Washington Works, West Virginia facility. The agency is working with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on this request. Chemours has agreed to conduct the sampling requested, provided each drinking water supply gives permission to Chemours to conduct the GenX Sampling.

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